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## Post Aruba announces winners of the Local Writing Competition for Young People 2012

Post Aruba again offered island youth the opportunity to compete on a local level for Aruba's official entry to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) together with UNESCO 42nd International Letter Writing Contest for 2013.

The Local Writing Competition for Youth presented the challenge of writing a letter explaining "Why Water is Precious." Jennifer Kock-Hernandez, Head of Marketing & Philately for Post Aruba announced the winners at their headquarters in Oranjestad on Friday afternoon, December 4.

"The competition provided an excellent opportunity to motivate the youth to write letters and at the same time increase awareness of important global issues," commented Ms. Kock-Hernandez. "The three jury members had the difficult task of choosing the winners amongst all the high level of letters Post Aruba received."

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First place winner Aditya Gupta



All the winners with Post Aruba Management



A woman puts a flower near crosses planted by NGO Rio de Paz (Rio Peace), in memory of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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## Police Chief reports on planned vigilance for end of the year

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- **Police on bicycles**
- **Motorized police**
- **Police on foot**
- **Police accompanied by canines**
- **Helicopter**
- **etc,**

In the event they use any preventive controls, this will be announced as prescribed by law.

All efforts of the police have the goal of creating an increased sense of safety and security among our people and among our cherished visitors. The community is counting on the police to ensure we have an end of the year season of peace, safety and tranquility.

In return, the police also expect that everyone will support the police and conduct themselves in such a manner as to ensure the peace and safety we all want and deserve.

### What can each of us do to help?

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  3. Help your neighbor protect their home and family.
  4. Call the police at 100 if you see anything suspicious, or provide information to the police tip line at 11141
  5. Cooperate with any and all police controls as they work to protect us all.
- If every one of us does our part, we will all enjoy a tranquil and successful end of the year experience.
- The Police Force wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Post Aruba announces winners . . .

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Robert Croes of Antraco and second place Demi

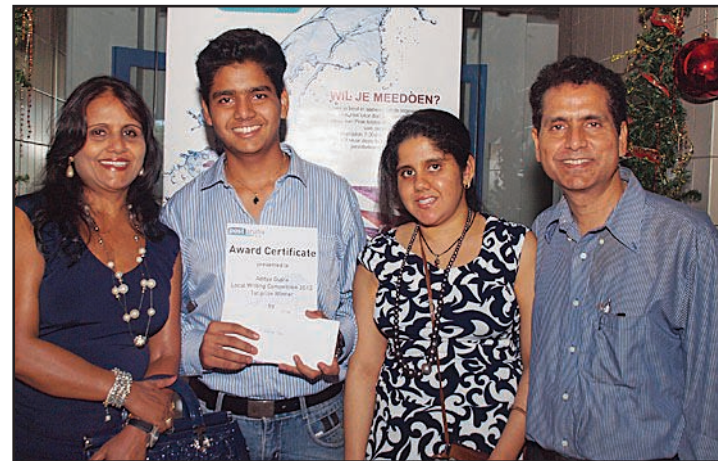


Langxin Zhang

Third Place Winner was 15-year-old Langxin Zhang from Colegio San Nicolas, who won a weekend stay at the Holiday Inn Resort. Second Place winner was Demi Flanegen, 11-year-old student at Colegio Conrado Coronel, who was handed a brand new Lenovo laptop computer by the Managing Director of Antraco Aruba, Robert Croes.

The first place prize of tickets to Miami for two sponsored by American Airlines and Post Aruba went to 15-year-old Aditya Gupta, a student at the International School of Aruba. His letter will be sent to Switzerland to represent Aruba in the 2013 UPU/UNESCO competition.

Post Aruba has also re-



First place winner and family

warded the Graf von Zinzendorf School a 1000 Aruban florin, (\$575) gift certificate from Antraco, for being the school with most students participating in the writing com-

petition.

Post Aruba management affirmed their continued support of the Local Writing Competition for Young People.

"Organizing such a competition is always a pleasure; the results show that it is a positive and rewarding investment."

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## Paseo Herencia refutes story of recent hold up on its premises

NOORD -- Management of Paseo Herencia wishes to clarify that the story circulating that a recent robbery which took place last week at a jewelry store in Palm Beach was at Paseo Herencia, is being misreported.

Paseo Herencia's security team is very alert and work very closely with the Aruba Police Force in order to maintain order and security of the mall. Additionally, mall security cameras installed at strate-

gic places guarantee the safety of visitors to the mall so they can enjoy shopping in a pleasant and relaxed environment.

There were incorrect declarations made by some of the local media reporting that the holdup happened at Paseo Herencia. Management emphasizes that their first priority is the security of the mall and its patrons, and informs the public to be aware this claim is mistaken.

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**Aruba Goes Hawaiian**

Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport personally welcomed a new way to have fun and stay fit on the water with the official introduction of Aruba Hawaiian Canoe Company. Passionately fit Renata and Ulysses Matarozzi, she an ACE fitness and personal trainer, he a PE instructor at the International School, have brought the famous Hawaiian outriggers to Aruba.

"Bringing the canoes to Aruba was a dream that came true because we could put together a perfect combination of

fitness in an ocean environment," explained Renata during the official opening event at Tulip Restaurant in Eagle Beach. "We are proud to be the first Hawaiian Canoe organization in the Caribbean."

The company runs out of the MVC Resort attached to the restaurant and outriggers are launched from the adjacent beachfront, providing a perfect stretch of unoccupied shore. Paddlers can fully exert themselves to achieve breathtaking speeds and a great workout.

"We are proud to be the first small business joining the

Green movement. For every purchase of canoe activities, a donation of one U.S. dollar is earmarked for an "Ocean Care Project in Aruba". We are looking out for future generations, so that they find the same wonderful sea environment as we have now."

Presently, they have three styles of canoe available for rental: two 6-seater Pacific Island models, two 1-seater Stingrays and one 2-seater Kamona. Sessions on the Pacific Island include an instructor in one of the spots and cost \$25, with one hour instruction prior to the tour. Stingrays and Kamona outriggers are for those



**MC Rona Coster, Minister Visser, Ulysses and Renata Matarozzi**

experienced with canoeing, and will be accompanied by an

instructor in a motorboat.

Training sessions taking place over a few weeks time from beginner to advanced, are also being offered. Minister Dr. Visser revealed that putting together an Aruban team to compete internationally on the six-man canoe is being discussed.

Adventures on the sea with Hawaiian style outriggers are considered a great team-building exercise. For more information on this new activity, call 583-8058 or visit their website: [www.aruhaca.com](http://www.aruhaca.com).



**Minister Visser and a two person outrigger**

*Rosalie Klein*





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## Five wounded and two dead after major explosion firework warehouse

WILLEMSTAD – Residents at Seru Loraweg and surroundings were shocked on Saturday by a major explosion followed by a black cloud of smoke in the air, at the industrial estate where a powder warehouse exploded.

The storage magazine is located at Seru Loraweg which is near the Santa Rosa neighborhood.

Local authorities closed down the area and firemen worked very hard to control the fire. There are major damages to buildings surrounding the warehouse.

The son of a firework expert who was working at the scene and was critically

wounded told the local officers that it was someone who set the place on fire.

Police found one charred body in the storage magazine.

Yesterday, another person has died from the explosion, raising the death toll to two victims.

Another five people were injured in the explosion at the government-owned building where fireworks were stored, a police spokesperson reports.

He says all the casualties were public employees working at the warehouse.

It is unclear what caused the explosion, which set off a blaze that completely destroyed the building.

## Girls Night Out 2012

### Friendships renewed with shopping, good cheer during T.H. Palm & Company event

For the 8th consecutive year, T.H. Palm & Company hosted its annual “Girls Night Out”, held this past Wednesday, Dec 12. The annual social event combines a shopping night with a festive celebration renewing ties with T.H. Palm & Company clients in a show of appreciation for their year-round patronage.

“We really look forward to this annual event where we have the opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to our local clients. We invite them to bring a girlfriend and enjoy a night out to celebrate friendships as well as to receive a special introduction to our new lines of re-



Donation to Telefon pa Hubentud

cently-arrived gifts, clothing and accessories,” explains Jodi Tobman, owner of The Salamander Group retail stores of which T.H. Palm & Company is a part.

Coinciding with the “Girls Night Out” event, donations collected through The Salamander Group’s “Tikkun Olam” corporate responsibility program were provided to representatives of Telefon pa Hubentud (youth help line) and the Edmund E. Harms Foundation (hospice care).

On the evening of the event, T.H. Palm & Company was overflowing with special guest clients, with conversations ongoing among the shelves of upscale resort wear, around tables laid out with eye-catching novel gift items and near displays of distinctive wall decor, with laughter spilling out onto the street in front of the Playa Linda Beach Resort. Gift bags were distributed at the end of the evening, with a spe-



Jodi Tobman hosts the popular annual event to thank clients

cialty item imparting a light-hearted life lesson. The giveaway was typical of many the boutique’s most popular gift items that carry messages that combine practical views touched with a comedic viewpoint.

“Our boutique shares a philosophy that is held by many of clients, that laughter is good for the soul. It is what makes our gift items such a joy to share, and which we hope will continue to keep our clients returning not just at the holiday season, but also year round,” comments Jodi Tobman, happy to have hosted valued clients for yet another “Girls Night Out”.



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SANTA BARBARA -- The owners of a struggling new resort on the tiny Caribbean island of Curaçao ousted Hyatt Hotels Corp. early Saturday as the resort's brand and management, accusing Hyatt of incurring massive cost overruns at the 2-year-old property.

The resort's owners, led by Curaçao's Smeets family—which controls investment fund administrator Curaçao International Trust Co., or CITCO—removed Hyatt by sending a new management company to set up operations at the 350-room Hyatt Regency resort in the early morning hours of Saturday. Hyatt's representatives left without incident, according to a law firm representing the property's owner.

In a letter sent to Hyatt Friday, the resort's owners allege that, since the property opened in 2010 on Curaçao, it fell short of Hyatt's budgeted revenue goals by \$25.1 million and registered net operating losses of more than \$13.6 million. The owners, Santa Barbara Hospitality NV, have named Houston-based Benchmark Hospitality International as the resort's new manager and renamed the property the Santa



Barbara Beach & Golf Resort.

"After the hotel suffered from more than two years of alleged mismanagement and staggering financial losses, investors would not continue to fund the operation under Hyatt's management. Under these circumstances, the owner believed it was left with only two options – close this failing hotel and potentially lay off 400 people, or remove Hyatt and install a new management company," said David Maxfield, a representative of Santa Barbara Hospitality, N.V.

Chicago-based Hyatt, which manages, franchises or owns 496 hotels globally, countered in a statement distributed Sat-

urday that the Curaçao resort's owners don't have the legal right to terminate the contract. Hyatt noted that the two sides last month took the case to arbitration, which is going on.

Yesterday, Santa Barbara Hospitality, N.V., responded to misleading statements from Hyatt Corporation and Hyatt Curacao, N.V. ("Hyatt") – assuring guests and Curaçao community stakeholders that the newly named Santa Barbara Beach & Golf Resort, Curaçao is open for business.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# US town torn by school shooting seeks solace in church

NEWTOWN, Connecticut (AFP) - In cold, gray, rainy weather sadly right for a US town in mourning, people packed churches yesterday as they tried to make sense of the slaughter of 20 children aged just six and seven.

As a bewildered country tried to cope with yet another massacre by a crazed and heavily armed gunman, and wondered what lawmakers will do in response, flowers and teddy bears were left at a makeshift memorial at the entrance of Sandy Hook Elementary School.

A row of small Christmas

volunteer told AFP. "They are destroyed. Not just the families, but the first responders are dealing with the crisis in a very personal and emotional way."

The shooter, who apparently killed himself as police arrived, has been identified as Adam Lanza, 20. His father Peter released a statement Saturday night saying his family was grieving along with everyone else affected by the tragedy.

"No words can truly express how heartbroken we are. We are in a state of disbelief and trying to find whatever answers we can. We, too, are asking why," it read.



**A memorial wreath is pictured in the center of town for the victims of the shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.**

trees decorated with toys lined a street leading to the place where a parent's worst nightmare came true, 20 times over and with unimaginable, multiple-shot cruelty, in Friday's bloodbath. At the foot of the large Christmas tree in the central square of Newtown were candles, handwritten notes and more flowers.

But it was the churches that were the strongest magnets two days after the killings, both for heartbroken families and police and emergency rescue workers who had to view the bullet-ridden bodies of very small children. Some were shot as many as 11 times with a high-powered assault rifle.

"The community is gathering together and praying," Rosty Slabicky, a Red Cross

The Saint Rose of Lima church kept the news media out of Sunday's Mass.

"The situation is extremely tense, so we don't want journalists or cameras here," said Brian Wallace, a spokesman.

Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy described how as the magnitude of the tragedy at the school sank in, there was a job to do that nobody wanted to touch.

"It was clear to me that, that there was a reluctance to, to speak to the families. But it was also clear to me that we knew everything we needed to know at that point, and so it fell upon my shoulders to inform the family of what had transpired and that their loved one wouldn't be joining them again," Malloy said.

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# Obama under pressure as town mourns dead children

NEWTOWN (AFP) - As a heartbroken town mourned the death of 20 small children in another US mass shooting, President Barack Obama heard ever louder calls to halt the bloodshed with stricter gun laws.

As Obama prepared to visit yesterday the country's latest school shooting tragedy, there was much talk that perhaps America had reached a tipping point that would force action to try to end its stubborn addiction to firearms.

A leading Democratic senator launched a bid yesterday to ban assault weapons in the wake of a deadly US school shooting, announcing that she will put a bill before Congress on January 3.

Dianne Feinstein, the influential chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said she believed President Barack Obama would support her legislation, also aimed at outlawing magazines carrying more than 10 bullets.

That's the kind of rapid-fire killing machine employed in the massacre here Friday in this small town now doomed to suffer a recurring nightmare for a long time to come.

"I'm going to introduce in the Senate, and the same bill will be introduced in the House, a bill to ban assault weapons," the California lawmaker told NBC's "Meet the Press" program.

Feinstein said she would announce the authors of the House of Representatives bill soon and vowed that carefully crafted legislation would be put before Congress on the first day of the new Congress.

"We're crafting this one. It will be done with care," Feinstein said, adding that she

thought Obama, a fellow Democrat, would back the legislation.

At Newtown, Obama met with families of victims and first responders who had to view the carnage, and attend an interfaith vigil.

Meanwhile, the investigation entered an important new stage with the autopsy of shooter Adam Lanza.

Coroners, who on Saturday formally identified all the school victims, were turning their attention to Lanza and also his mother, whom he murdered in her Newtown home immediately before heading to the school.

That autopsy was likely to start lifting the lid on the mystery of Lanza, who at 20 years old was seen as a withdrawn and awkward youngster, but had shown no signs of violence, let alone any indications that he might perpetrate a massacre.

Officials revealed Saturday that Lanza's main weapon was

a .223 caliber Bushmaster, a civilian version of the US military's M4 -- essentially a killing machine -- registered to his mother.

He was known to have two pistols with him as well and Connecticut police spokesman Paul Vance said yesterday that a fourth gun had been found.

Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy revealed that Lanza blasted his way into the school, which had just installed a new security door where visitors could be viewed by video camera and buzzed in.

"He shot his way into the building. He penetrated the building by literally shooting an entrance into the building. That's what an assault weapon can do for you," Malloy said on CNN.

The tragedy revived calls for stricter laws on gun ownership, particularly regarding military-style rifles, which fire bullets designed to tear a target apart, but are marketed as regular hunting weapons.



**Venezuelans voted yesterday in gubernatorial elections amid jitters over the health of President Hugo Chavez as he recovers from more cancer surgery in Cuba. Chavez supporters see the election as a way to show support for their leader and perhaps help him heal.**



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## International News

### Syria warplanes in deadly raid on Palestinian camp

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Warplanes bombed a Palestinian refugee camp in south Damascus on Sunday for the first time in Syria's 21-month uprising, as the army escalated its efforts to suppress the rebellion in the capital.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the air strike killed at least eight civilians at Yarmuk camp, which has been hit by intermittent violence during the past few months.

The raid came as President Bashar al-Assad's forces used fighter jets against rebel positions in the provinces of Hama and Aleppo, where rebels stepped up a bid to seize a military academy.

Analysts say the Assad regime is still standing firm despite predictions by Western officials, and even a top Russian diplomat, of its imminent fall, and the fact rebel fighters now hold vast swathes of territory.

Residents told AFP that a missile hit the Abdel Qader Hussein Mosque in the heart of the camp.

The mosque was acting as a makeshift shelter for some 600 people forced to flee their homes in nearby districts engulfed in violence.

Fighter jets also bombed the nearby districts of Al-Hajar al-Aswad and Assali, scene of intense fighting between troops and rebels.

The escalating violence came a day after Iran's armed forces chief of staff warned Turkey over its plans to deploy US-made Patriot missiles near Syria, saying the move was part of a Western plot to "create a world war".

"The Western countries seeking to deploy the missile batter-

ies on the Turkey-Syria border are devising plans for a world war. This is very dangerous for everyone," General Hassan Firouzabadi said.

NATO has approved Turkey's request for Patriot missiles to bolster its restive border defences, with Germany, the Netherlands and the United States agreeing to provide the missile batteries.

But both Russia and Iran, the most powerful allies of the Assad regime, are opposed to the move.

Moscow declared on Friday it had not and would not change its stance on Syria, a day after Deputy Foreign Minister Bogdanov said Damascus was "losing more and more control" and that it was not excluded Assad could lose the war.

### Europeans march against neo-Nazi threat in Athens

ATHENS (AFP) - Hundreds turned out in Athens on Saturday to protest against racism and a surge in neo-Nazi activities in Greece and other European countries, in a demonstration backed by prominent European figures and human rights activists.

Anger was mainly targeted at Greece's far-right Golden Dawn party, which won seven percent of the vote in general elections in June, allowing it to enter parliament for the first time as the country reels from years of financial crisis.

The party is suspected of masterminding a series of attacks against immigrants and minority groups over the past several months.

"Our message goes out to

### Heroic teacher recounts hellish slice of US school shooting

NEWTOWN, Connecticut, (AFP) - The 15 first graders cowered in a dark, barricaded bathroom as gunfire boomed outside, shot after shot after shot killing their classmates and teachers.

Terrified as they were, their teacher played loving mother hen, even as she feared they -- ages 6 and 7 -- and she were next and would die any minute.

Sandy Hook Elementary School teacher Kaitlin Roig cried, sniffled and fidgeted as she recounted her harrowing and heartbreaking chapter of the Connecticut school shooting to ABC News.

When gunfire rang out, she gathered her kids together -- their classroom had a big, exposed and thus dangerous window -- and rushed them into the small bathroom.

She pulled a bookcase across the doorway, closed the door and locked it from the inside.

Hush, she told the kids.

"I told them to be quiet. I



**Eric Mueller places twenty seven wooden angles he made in his yard down the street from the Sandy Hook School**

told them to be absolutely quiet," Roig said.

In a nightmarish silence, they heard the gunfire in the hallway just a few yards away.

"I said there are bad guys out there now and we have to wait for the good guys," Roig said.

Kids would cry. Ask for their parents. They just wanted to go home and for it to be Christmas, Roig said. One little guy said don't worry, he knew karate and would help lead them all out to safety.

To the ones who cried, Roig would cup their little faces in her hands and try to comfort them. "It is going to be OK. Show me your smile," she recalled saying.

Roig feared the worst, the end, for all of them. "I'm thinking in my mind, we're next," she told ABC.

She tried to put herself inside the head of a 6- or 7-year-old in such a hellish situation. She concluded she had to play parent, and told them she loved them.

"I wanted them to know that someone loved them and I wanted that to be one of the last things they heard, not the gunfire in the hallway," Roig said.

Eventually, the shooting stopped. Police knocked on the door and called out.

Roig was wary, and would not open it until they proved who they were by slipping their badges under the door.



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## Health & Living

### Be ready and prepared for the flu season

-- In Arkansas, U.S. the first death of the 2012-13 flu season was reported

Doctors urge that it is important to understand antiviral medication must be taken within 48 hours of the first appearance of flu symptoms.

Officials said this year's flu contains the N3N2 strain, which typically causes more severe symptoms and health risks than most other circulating strains.

The good news is that this year's flu vaccine is a 90% match for the flu strains going around, including protection against N3N2, doctor's said.

Influenza symptoms often mimic those of a cold, but unlike a cold, the flu can be extremely dangerous. Typical Influenza symptoms include muscle aches, fever, headache, cough, and lethargy, doctors said.

**Practice Flu Prevention** -- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently. Keep your hands away from your face.

**Protect Those at High-Risk** - (Those most at risk for severe influenza are pregnant women, people with chronic conditions like heart disease, those who have weakened immune systems, those over 65 and those with respiratory problems like asthma and COPD) A flu shot is the single best protection against the flu, flu vaccine takes 10 days to two weeks to become effective, and it is not too late to get vaccinated..



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## US Muslims to reclaim 'jihad' with ad campaign



CHICAGO (AFP) - US Muslims launched an advertising and social media campaign on week-end in the hopes of reclaiming the word jihad from extremists who insist on equating the spiritual quest with terrorism.

The campaign features Muslims describing their personal struggles -- the meaning of jihad -- on bus ads, Twitter, Facebook and a dedicated website: myjihad.org.

"#MyJihad is to build friendships across the aisle," says one ad showing an African American man leaning on the shoulder of a Jewish friend.

"#MyJihad is to march on despite losing my son," says another ad, featuring a portrait of a mother with her three remaining children.

"#MyJihad is to not judge people by their cover," says a third, framed by two women in headscarves.

It was sparked by a series of hateful ads calling Muslims "savages" and urging people to "defeat jihad" that were plastered on buses and trains in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

But it also speaks to a larger frustration among "main-

stream" Muslims with how a basic tenant of their faith has been distorted and demonized, said Ahmed Rehab who helped launch the campaign.

"Jihad is a term that has unfortunately been widely misrepresented by the actions of Muslim extremists first and foremost, and by attempts at public indoctrination coming from Islamophobes who claim that the minority extremists are right and the majority of Muslims are wrong," said Rehab, who is the executive director of the Chicago branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

"The MyJihad campaign is about reclaiming Jihad from the Muslim and anti-Muslim extremists who ironically, but not surprisingly, see eye to eye on Jihad."

The ads have been placed on buses in Chicago and Rehab hopes to raise funds to expand the campaign to buses and trains in New York, Washington, San Francisco, Seattle, Houston, Dallas, Cleveland and Oklahoma City.

Organizers are also working to get the ads on buses in Toronto, London, Manchester, Sydney and Melbourne.

## How to Stay healthy during Christmas



-- It's that time of year again. Although it's hard to believe another year has flown by. Here are a few tips to help you keep healthy:

\*Start the day off with a healthy breakfast (so later you won't feel the need to 'fill' your plate)

\*When eating use a smaller plate (your mind will consider it a full plate regardless of its size and Fill up on vegetables and fruits)

\*For every glass of alcohol or soft drink, have a glass of water. (water fills you up, has no calories or side effects, is cheap and will help wash out the excesses, also make your own mixed drinks with real fruit juice instead of canned drink)

\*Protect yourself from germs. Be sure to always wash your hands especially after using the bathroom and before handling any food. Use antibacterial wipes or gels for quick hand cleaning on the go. Also, try to avoid those that you know are sick to prevent yourself from getting sick as well.

\*Get plenty of rest. Aim for at least eight hours of sleep every night during the holiday season. Limit your Christmas stress. One way to do this is to plan ahead.

\*And after all the eating and drinking? Get active rather than slump on the sofa - take a brisk walk, play an indoor game or maybe just crank up the music and dance away those calories!

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### Philippines typhoon death toll tops 1000



**MANILA (AFP)** - The death toll from a typhoon that devastated the southern Philippines earlier this month has topped 1,000 as hundreds more remain missing, the government said on Sunday. Typhoon Bopha killed 1,020 people, mostly on the southern island of Mindanao where floods and landslides caused major damage on December 4, civil defence chief Benito Ramos said. A total of 844 people remain missing, about half of them fishermen who ventured out to sea before Bopha hit, Ramos said, adding he feared many of the missing were dead. More than 27,000 people remain in evacuation centres almost two weeks after Bopha hit as the search for the dead and missing continues, the civil defence office said. *(handout photo taken on December 11, 2012 and released by the Philippine Navy (PN) shows Philippine Navy personnel loading donated white caskets on board the ship BRP Laguna at the Navy base in Cavite City, south of Manila for victims of Typhoon Bopha that devastated the southern Philippines)*



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## Australia plans drill of ancient Antarctic ice core

**SYDNEY (AFP)** - Australia Saturday announced plans to drill a 2,000 year-old ice core in the heart of Antarctica in a bid to retrieve a frozen record of how the planet has evolved and what might be in store.

The Aurora Basin North project involves scientists from Australia, France, Denmark and the United States who hope it will also advance the search for the scientific "holy grail" of the million-year-old ice core.

The project, in a area that harbours some of the deepest ice in the frozen continent, over three kilometres (1.9-miles) thick, will give experts access to some of the most detailed records yet of past climate in the vast region.

Australian Environment Minister Tony Burke said such



drills were critically important to understanding how the climate has naturally varied to help predict future responses to global climate change.

"Ice cores provide the written history of our atmosphere and our water," he said in announcing the project which

will start with a French team traversing the site in December next year.

The eight-week drill through 400 metres (1,312 feet) of ice, 600 kilometres inland from Australia's Casey Station in the continent's east, will follow soon after.

"Seeking ice cores from this new area where there is much higher snow fall than other inland sites provides a massive increase in the level of detail which lives within the ice," Burke added.

"We have had information that is 2,000 years old before, but we have never had access to this sort of detail which we believe lies deep within this part of the ice."

He said it was an international effort in the quest for even older ice.

"It is expected that this will lead to actual drilling for a one million-year-old core by various international consortia in the coming years," he said.

## Twitter allows users to download archives of their tweets

--Twitter CEO Dick Costolo has promised in recent months that an option for users to download an archive of all the tweets from their accounts would be available this year. At least for some, this long-awaited feature has arrived – and we've had a play with the archive browsing tool.

The first report of the new option that we saw in the wild was from user @Psilosophy, who indicates where the option supposedly can be found for those who have it enabled – at the bottom of your Settings page. *(Go to Twitter settings. Scroll down to "Your Twitter Archive". Download ALL your tweets. Even your first. DO IT. DO EEEEEET NOW!)*

Twitter user Navjot Singh also has the option available on one of his accounts and he has briefly blogged about the

process, explaining:

"Twitter informs that they will mail you the download link when the archive is ready. Yes, its just like how Facebook's archive system works. Once you get the mail and download it you will get a zip file with archive in html form. Extracting it (sic) and you will see all your tweets sorted in calendar format."



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5. Egyptian vipers
9. Q-U separators
12. Noisy fight
13. Swag
14. Actor Bridges
15. Lacking companions
16. Actress Chase
17. Imperialist's quest
18. "My \_\_\_\_" (1927 song)
20. Until
21. Comfort
22. Shakespeare hero of 1601
24. Dues payer
28. Golfer Patty
29. Fans' hero
30. Ibis's home
33. Makeshift

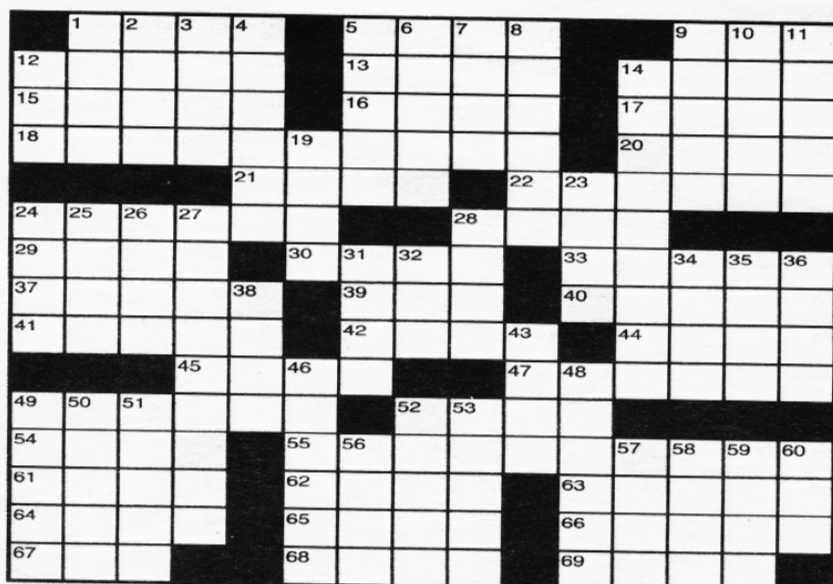
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39. Masterminded
40. Stylish shop
41. Staggering
42. Dog in "The Thin Man"
44. Utah lily
45. Hoedown place
47. Scamp
49. Placid
52. Former Korean leader
54. "The Party's \_\_\_\_"
55. Navy's flying group
61. Carnera's defeater in 1934
62. Subtle air
63. Supernatural

64. Vortex
65. Sand \_\_\_\_
66. Positive terminal
67. Alejandro or Fernando
68. Sniggers' wrigglers
69. Legislative term: abbr.

## DOWN

1. Artesian \_\_\_\_
2. Surname of three baseball brothers
3. Hawaiian bird
4. Giggle
5. "\_\_\_\_ a Gentleman" (1948 film)
6. Decipher
7. Jab
8. Position

9. Gathers the harvest
10. Vixen's boss
11. England's royal house from 1485-1603
12. Shakespearean queen
14. \_\_\_\_ State (Kentucky)
19. Obtain by work
23. Bows
24. Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"
25. River in Hesse
26. Budge
27. "\_\_\_\_ Hill" (Fats Domino)
28. Inclination
31. Country on the Persian Gulf
32. Refrain tidbits
34. One of the Baldwin boys
35. Forum robe
36. Organic compound
38. Passionate quality
43. Sector
46. Refund
48. Trojan hero
49. Like a judge
50. Get out of
51. High-pitched
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56. Attraction
57. Rayburn or Roddenberry
58. Amor
59. Tops
60. Witness



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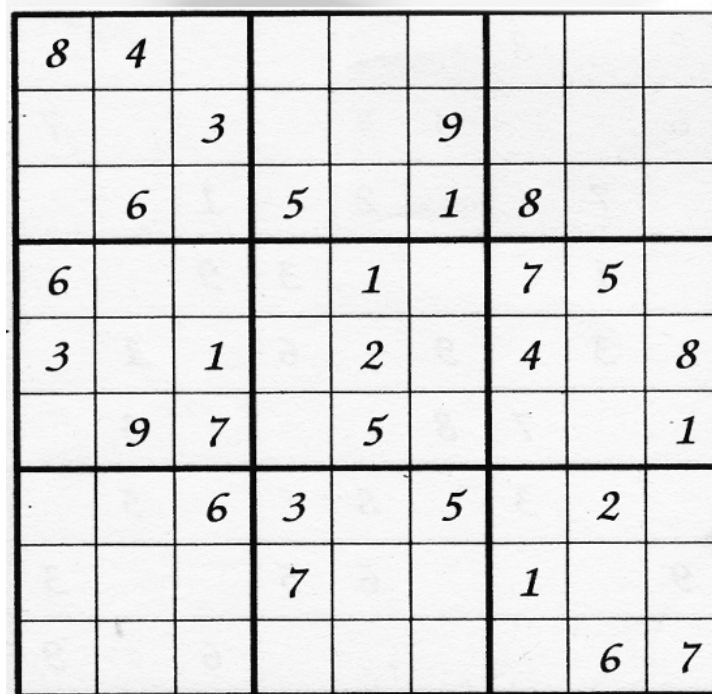
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6	7	8	1	3	5	2	9	4
9	1	2	6	7	8	3	1	5
5	1	3	9	1	2	6	7	8

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## Finance

### Top US Republican proposes tax hike on very rich: report

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US House Speaker John Boehner's office would not confirm or deny a late Saturday report which said the top Republican has proposed raising taxes on wealthy Americans as part of a deficit reduction deal.

In what would be a significant concession in negotiations to strike an 11th-hour deal, Boehner would agree to let marginal tax rates rise on people making \$1 million or more annually, provided President Barack Obama make cuts to entitlement programs, according to the Politico website.

"We have not commented on the content of private discussions, and we're certainly not going to comment on rumors," Boehner spokesman Michael Steel told AFP about the report.

The White House did not respond to requests for comment

about the possible offer, for which Politico cited two sources close to the negotiations.

Obama has insisted that any deal to avoid the so-called "fiscal cliff," the combination of tax hikes and mandated spending cuts set to kick in beginning January 1, include a rise in tax rates on the wealthy.

His line in the sand has been an increase in tax rates for households making more than \$250,000 per year, but until now Republicans have not budged on tax rates, arguing instead that more tax revenue can be gained by closing loopholes and ending deductions.

A Republican concession on tax rates could mark a significant breakthrough in the negotiations and signal that a compromise might actually be manageable before the end of the year.

### Blackberry maker dropped from Nasdaq

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Canadian company Research In Motion, the makers of BlackBerry telephones, will no longer be part of the Nasdaq 100 index, the market operator said Saturday on its web site.

The index -- which includes the 100 largest non-financial companies listed on the electronic exchange -- said Research In Motion (RIM) was one of ten companies to be removed from the index in its annual revision process.

RIM has seen its star fade over the past several years as it faced stiff competition from the advent of smart phones like the iPhone and others running the Android platform.

Facing difficulties, the company is pinning its hopes on the BlackBerry 10, to be

unveiled January 30 -- a new generation of phones and operating system.

Among the companies joining the Nasdaq 100 on Monday are, notably, semi-conductor maker Analog Devices and Internet infrastructure company VeriSign

### Cash-strapped Cuba presses drive to strike black gold

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba is moving fast to try to tap subsea oil wealth, and will start work in "days" with Russia's Zarubezhneft, drilling this country's deepest offshore well yet, state oil firm Cubapet said Saturday.

"Cubapetroleo reports that

(Norwegian-owned) semisubmersible platform Songa Mercur has arrived offshore off the north-central coast to continue in a matter of days offshore exploratory well-drilling work," said a statement in Granma, the Communist Party of Cuba's newspaper.

The Norwegian-owned machinery run in partnership with the Russian company will tap exploratory well L-01X, down to 6,500 meters (21,325 feet), the deepest drilled to date in Cuba. Work is expected to go on for about six months, the statement added.

Songa Mercur is replacing the Italian-owned Scarabeo 9, which was used but failed to strike usable crude three times. The nearby United States voiced concerns about potential for catastrophic environmental damage in the event of an accident, in Cuba's still untested industry.

Energy is Cuba's Achilles heel, and it relies heavily on close ally Venezuela and its Socialist President Hugo Chavez for its cut-rate supplies.

With Chavez, 58, recovering from more cancer surgery here, Cuba has never been in as big a hurry to try to achieve energy independence.

Some studies estimate the 112,000-square-kilometer area has probable reserves of be-

tween five and nine billion barrels of crude oil, though Cuban authorities say there could be as many as 20 billion barrels.

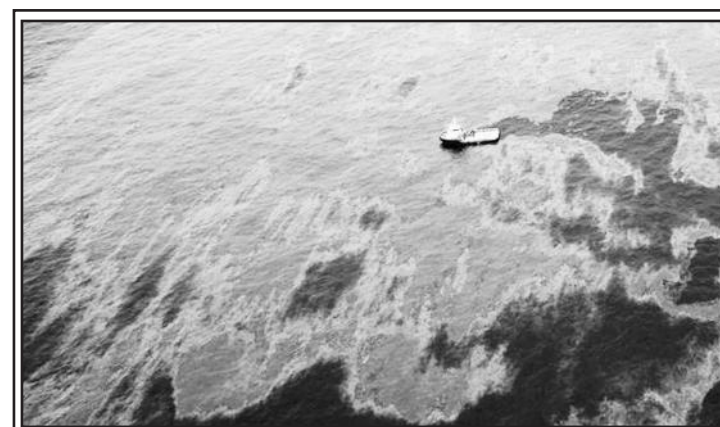
Cuba produces oil from wells on land and in shallow water, but they are reaching their capacity limits. It also imports 100,000 barrels of oil a day from Venezuela, which supplies oil to Cuba on easy terms.

If it finally accesses its suspected oil assets, Cuba -- which is larger than Portugal and has just 11 million people -- could go from a dirt-poor Communist Cinderella to an oil-rich Caribbean power almost overnight.

A shock loss of Venezuelan support and its economic importance to Cuba could endanger the Americas' only one-party Communist regime.

But sudden oil wealth almost certainly would stabilize and fund the current regime well into the future, much to the chagrin of the United States, which also is missing out on energy and environmental partnerships.

Cuba's economic zone in the Gulf of Mexico was divided into 59 blocs, 22 of which were put under contract to companies from Angola, India, Malaysia, Norway, Russia, Spain, Venezuela and Vietnam.



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - US oil giant Chevron has agreed to pay 310 million reales (\$155 million) to Brazil for an oil spill last year that fouled beaches in Rio de Janeiro, officials said Saturday. Government news service Agencia Brasil said 90 million reales would be used exclusively for environmental cleanup and 220 million reales would serve for measures to prevent future spills. Federal prosecutor Gisele Porto said that the fine should send a message to all oil producers that "it is better to invest in preventive measures than to pay a fine for polluting." The November 2011 spill saw some 3,000 barrels of crude soil the waters of the Atlantic near the Frade oil field, located some 370 kilometers (230 miles) northwest of Rio. A report released in July by Brazil's National Petroleum Agency accused Chevron of negligence and said the company could have avoided the spill.

### SATURIDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Never mind the Mayans: US 'preppers' ready for anything

BERRYVILLE (AFP) - The Mayan end of the world is the last thing on Jay Blevins' mind, but if it happens, he and his family are more than ready for it.

In the basement of their comfortable home in this small town in the Shenandoah Valley, an hour's drive from Washington, there's a walk-in pantry packed with canned and preserved foods as well as medical supplies.

Out in the backyard where fruits and berries grow, barrels of fresh water stand under the eaves. Safely locked away is a small arsenal of pistols and semi-automatic rifles, all the better to hunt game and scare off looters.

And if the Blevins should have to make tracks, every member of the family has their own "bug-out bag" -- a backpack filled with on-the-road essentials from a katana samurai sword to toys and games for the kids.

"I don't think we've spent too much money. I don't think



we've gone overboard," father-of-three Blevins, 35, a business consultant and former deputy sheriff and SWAT team officer, told AFP.

"We have our normal life, and then we have this thing on the side. It's just like insurance -- if we ever need it, we'll use it."

Blevins is a "prepper," one of a growing number of Americans making big plans for bad times, be it economic chaos, climate change, terrorism, nat-

ural disasters like the recent Hurricane Sandy or just a very long power outage.

In contrast to go-it-alone survivalists, preppers have embraced social media, blogging and self-publishing in a big way to share knowledge and build networks in the event of TEOT-WAWKI, or The End Of The World As We Know It.

Some of the more outgoing members of the movement, like Blevins, feature in season two of "Doomsday Preppers," a National Geographic Channel reality TV series, now airing worldwide.

Prepping enjoys a degree of tacit government endorsement: the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on its ready.gov website, tells citizens to put together a basic disaster kit with food and water for three days.

But why stop there? Preppers can shop online for everything from a year's supply of food for one person (\$1,152 from Walmart) to pre-fabricated underground bunkers to sit out a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

In California, the Vivos Group markets luxury bunkers for anyone from a family of four ("discreetly installed just about anywhere in one week") to a community of 1,000 people outfitted for a year of survival.

On a more modest and practical scale, 1-800-Prepare.com peddles a range of made-in-USA survival kits for individuals, families, offices, even dogs and cats -- and in the aftermath of Sandy, it's seen its sales explode ten-fold.

Back in Berryville, Blevins -- whose own mother knows a thing or two about survival, having lived through war in her native Vietnam before coming to the United States -- acknowledges "a fine line between preparation and paranoia."

But he puts his passion for prepping into context.

"As a husband and a father, I want to make sure that my family is prepared, really, for anything that will come."

## Taj Mahal Restaurant, an authentic culinary excursion



When Bharat Shah, originally from India, but now a successful businessman in California, put on a spectacular wedding in Aruba for his daughter Lisa and her groom Kalpesh, they welcomed hundreds of friends and relatives from around the world, including the "old country."

When all the wedding guests had finally arrived in Aruba, Bharat hosted an official welcome party along the shore in Palm Beach, and he chose to have it catered by Taj Mahal restaurant, he was that impressed by their cuisine.

If you like your Indian food authentic, or are looking for a new and unique dining experience, an evening at Taj Mahal will deliver a memorable meal. A seemingly endless menu offers scores of choices for fish, chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes that are "the real deal," discover that Indian food goes way beyond curry!

A taste-testing crew from THE MORNING NEWS chose a selection of their singular starters and two main courses with saffron rice, served family style, which provided a fine example of the versatility of their chef.

Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on

which you can spoon your main course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal.

Our group also added an appetizer of crunchy Samosas, the Indian form of a potato knish, served with either cilantro or sweet and sour sauce. A platter of their Jhinga, large, crispy-fried shrimp in a delicate batter is ample enough to serve as a main course, though featured on their appetizer menu.

As we mentioned, main courses are served family style, in beautiful little pots that sit upon a candle to keep them warm. Our group sampled the "Mutton Saagwala," also known as "Lamb Shag" which is cooked in a thick sauce of yogurt and spinach, and the "Fish Hara Masala," moist, tender chunks of fish in a rich sauce featuring cilantro as the main flavoring. This is offered in mild, medium and very spicy, we found the medium quite spicy enough for us; it left a tingle on the tongue.

The family style service allows everyone at the table to sample a bit of this and that, and we heartily recommend you do, to truly appreciate this authentic bit of India in Aruba. Open for lunch and dinner, Taj Mahal sports a cozy and intimate air-conditioned dining room and a small outdoor terrace for those that enjoy dining al fresco. They have an exotic dessert menu to match, but our group was too stuffed to partake; there was even enough left to box up and provide a lunch next day for the lucky first person to get to it!

Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, across from Aruba's Numismatic Museum, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary; they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal! Call 588-4494 for reservations.

## Body of royal hoax nurse reaches India



MANGALORE (AFP) : Media gather around the coffin carrying the body of India-born nurse Jacintha Saldanha, 46, after she was brought out of the Bajpe Airport in Mangalore yesterday. The body of Saldanha who was found hanged after taking a hoax call to the hospital treating Prince William's wife arrived in Mangalore following a memorial mass in London.

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## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



**Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica**

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### *The Queen's.*

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their

loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"—"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena—"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other in-

gredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from \$14 for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to \$18 for shrimp and \$20 for a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



**Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef**

Grilled Tenderloin range from \$12 to \$16, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

*The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the*

way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on

Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really

want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2



tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking

advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms en-

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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ables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the



## SPORTS

## Football: Real held by Espanyol, pressure builds on Mourinho



MADRID (AFP) - A late goal from substitute Juan Albin gave Espanyol a 2-2 draw against stuttering Real Madrid who will be 13 points off La Liga leaders Barcelona if they beat second-placed Atletico Madrid later Sunday.

The pressure is now firmly on coach Jose Mourinho with the reigning champions unable to beat relegation-threatened Espanyol.

Cristiano Ronaldo equalised for Madrid on the stroke of half-time after Sergio Garcia had put joint-bottom Espanyol ahead on the half hour mark.

Two minutes after the restart, Fabio Coentrao put Real ahead but it was not enough as Albin slotted home from close range two minutes from the end.

Mourinho had already criticised his players for a lackluster

performance in a midweek Spanish Cup game where they lost to Celta Vigo.

He will be even more frustrated after his side failed to wrap up Sunday's game.

Barcelona have won 14 of their first 15 games in a record start in La Liga and a win against Atletico would be a significant blow in the title race.

Jose Callejon was given the job of leading the Real line with Gonzalo Higuain and Karim Benzema both injured.

Angel Di Maria, who is widely believed to be one of the players that Mourinho was referring to for not giving their all against Celta, started on the bench.

Madrid pressed forward from the start with Ronaldo firing past the post from 25 yards and then moments later poking a pass to Luka Modric who should have at least hit the target with a shot inside the area.

New Espanyol coach Javier Aguirre has worked hard on making the defence more solid but he was without captain and first choice keeper Cristian Alvarez and so put his faith in the inexperienced Francisco Casilla to cope with the intimidating Bernabeu.

Earlier, Valencia suffered their first defeat under coach Ernesto Valverde as they fell 1-0 at home to Rayo Vallecano.

Chori Dominguez scored from the penalty spot after Tino Costa upended Roberto Trashorras.

A first-half strike from Ruben Garcia gave Levante a 1-0 win away to Zaragoza.

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**COURCHEVEL (AFP) :** Frida Hansdotter of Sweden competes in the FIS Women's World Cup Giant on December 16, 2012, in Courchevel, French Alps. Tina Maze of Slovenia won the race ahead Kathrin Zettel of Austria and Tessa Worley of France.



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## Week-end NBA playoff:

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - Montenegro's Nikola Pekovic scored a game-high 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds to spark Minnesota over Dallas 114-106 in overtime Saturday as Ricky Rubio made a triumphant return.

The T-Wolves won their fourth game in a row, improv-

ing to 12-9, while the Mavericks fell to 11-13.

Minnesota's Luke Ridnour scored 15 points while Russian Andrei Kirilenko added 14 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota.

O.J. Mayo and Derek Fisher each scored 20 points for Dallas, which lost for the third game in a row.

In New York, with star forward Carmelo Anthony sidelined by a left ankle sprain, the New York Knicks held off a late rally to defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-102.

Raymond Felton led New York with 25 points, Tyson Chandler added 23 points and J.R. Smith came off the bench to contribute 16. Felton led the Knicks with 10 rebounds. Jason Kidd added nine points and eight assists.

Rookie Chris Copeland, who made his first NBA start in place of Anthony at power forward, scored 11 points in just under 19 minutes on the court.

Kyrie Irving scored a game-high 41 points to lead

the Cavaliers.

The Knicks, already missing playmaker Amare Stoudemire, are 2-1 without Anthony in the lineup this season. He missed two games earlier this month with a cut on his left middle finger.

New York improved to 18-5, stretching the Knicks' lead in the Atlantic division, while Cleveland fell to 5-20, the second-worst record in the NBA, ahead of only fellow Eastern Conference divisional doormat Washington.

And LeBron James in Miami scored 23 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and passed off five assists to spark the reigning NBA champion Miami Heat over the league-worst Washington Wizards 102-72 on Saturday.

The Heat improved to 15-6, moving one game ahead of Atlanta atop the Southeast division, while the Wizards suffered their 18th loss in 21 games, although one of those was a home victory over Miami last month.





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## Week-end Boxing Results :



**Nonito Donaire of the Philippines (R) hits Jorge Arce of Mexico**

HOUSTON (AFP) - Filipino star Nonito Donaire knocked out Mexico's Jorge Arce at the end of the third round on Satur-

day, for his 30th win in a row, to keep the World Boxing Organization super bantamweight crown.

Donaire landed a powerful left hook to Arce's chin that sent Arce to the canvas and referee Laurence Cole stopped the fight at 2:59 of the third round.

Donaire improved to 31-1 with his 20th career knockout. He has not lost since the second fight of his career back in 2001.

Arce, 33, fell to 61-7 with two drawn bouts, in what he said was the final fight of his career.

Donaire had beaten South African Jeffrey Mathebula last July and Japan's Toshiaki Nishio in October in prior title defenses after taking the vacant crown with a split decision last February over Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Vazquez.

Arce had nine wins and a draw since last being beaten, by South African Simphiwe Nongqayi in 2009.

In Los Angeles Leo Santa Cruz won a unanimous 12-round decision over Alberto Guevara in a showdown of Mexican unbeaten on Saturday to retain the International Boxing Federation bantamweight world title.

Judges gave Santa Cruz the victory by scores of 116-112, 118-110 and 119-109. Santa Cruz improved to 23-0 with

one drawn, dropping Guevara to 16-1, but was disappointed in his performance, unable to deliver a knockout.

Santa Cruz stretched his win streak to 21 fights in his fifth start of the year and the third defense of the vacant crown he won last June in a 12-round decision over South African southpaw Vusi Malinga.

Santa Cruz, who had stopped compatriot Victor Zuleta in the ninth round just 35 days earlier in his most recent prior bout, said too many fights this year might have hurt his performance.

The bout at the Los Angeles Sports Arena was on the undercard of the fight between Britain's Amir Khan and unbeaten American Carlos Molina.

Britain's Amir Khan defeated previously unbeaten American Carlos Molina in a light-welterweight showdown on Saturday, returning the Englishman to the world title scene after back-to-back losses.

After watching Khan batter Molina for most of the fight, referee Jack Reiss halted the bout following the 10th round as Molina's cornermen asked him to end the lopsided contest.

Round after round, Khan got the best of nearly every exchange as a bloodied Molina refused to back down but struggled to even test Khan's defenses.

While in Berlin World super middleweight champion Arthur Abraham defended his WBO belt on Saturday with an eighth round technical knock-out win over France's Mehdi Bouadla in Nuremberg.

The win over Bouadla was the 36th of his career and the 28th knock-out in his 39th fight as the bout was stopped after two minutes 11 seconds of the eighth round by referee Mark Nelson.

This was his fifth defeat in 30 professional fights against 26 wins, 11 by knock-out.



**Amir Khan of Great Britain (L) lands a left hand to the head of Carlos Molina**



**Leo Santa Cruz (R) lands a right hand to the head of Alberto Guevara**



**Armenian-German super middleweight boxer Arthur Abraham (L) and French challenger Mehdi Bouadla exchange punches**

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## Football: Corinthians clinch Club World Cup title



**Brazilian giants Corinthians goalkeeper Cassio poses besides a Toyota Prius vehicle after he won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) prize**

YOKOHAMA (AFP) - Brazilian giants Corinthians won the Club World Cup in Japan on Sunday, overcoming European champions Chelsea 1-0 in a closely-fought encounter.

Striker Paolo Guerrero got the goal as the Sao Paulo club secured their second intercontinental title -- they won the 2000 FIFA Club World Championship -- and became the first side from outside Europe to win the title since 2006.

But interim Chelsea boss Rafael Benitez felt his team were unlucky to lose, ruing several missed chances.

"We knew it would be a tough game against a good team. I think they had one (clear cut) chance and they scored and we didn't take our chances. That was the difference."

Benitez made three changes to the team that thrashed Mex-

ican side Monterrey 3-1 in the semi-final -- replacing Oscar, John Obi Mikel and Cesar Azpilicueta with Frank Lampard, Ramires and Victor Moses.

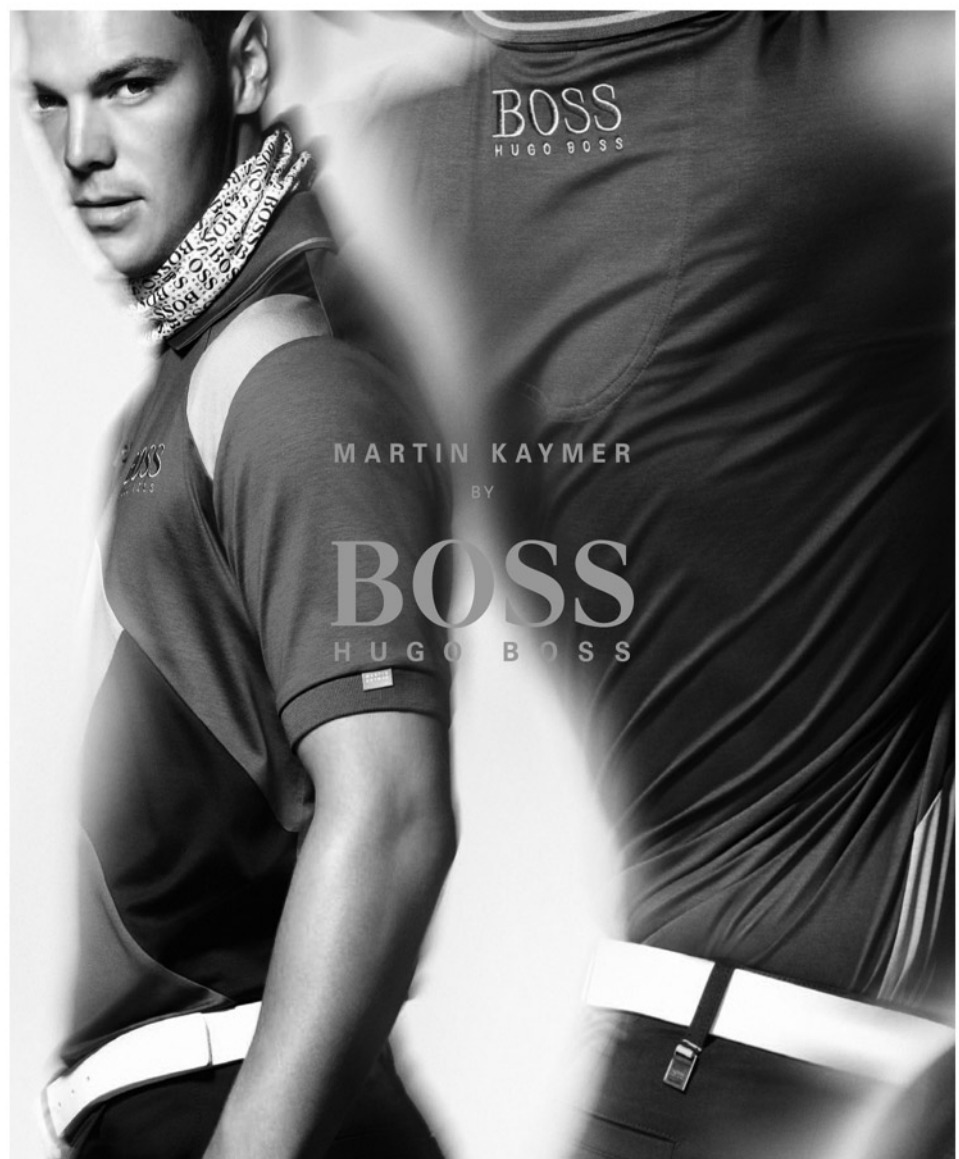
Tite changed just one player from the side that scraped to a 1-0 last-four win over Egypt's Al Ahly, bringing in Jorge Henrique for Douglas.

The match at the almost-full 68,000-capacity International Stadium in Yokohama was frenetic right from the first whistle as play swung from end to end.

The Corinthians goalkeeper -- later named player of the tournament -- was proving tough to beat.

CONCACAF champions Monterrey took third place earlier Sunday, defeating Al Ahly 2-0 through goals from Jesus Corona and Cesar Delgado.

ISTANBUL (AFP) - Ryan Lochte of the United States clinched his fifth and sixth gold medals of the week at the world short course championships on Sunday when he won the 100m medley and anchored the USA's 4x100m medley relay team to victory. Lochte took the individual title in 51.21sec ahead of Australia's Kenneth To in second with George Bowell III of the United States third. He then joined Matthew Grevers, Kevin Cordes and Thomas Shields in taking relay gold in 3min 21.03sec ahead of Russia and Australia. Lochte had already won the 200m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle relay, 4x200m freestyle relay and 200m individual medley titles. Just minutes before the 100m medley final on Sunday, he had won silver in the 200m backstroke.



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